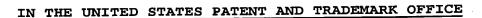
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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 12, 2005 OFFICE ACTION, AND PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to the October 12, 2005 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the October 12, 2005 Office Action was originally due January 12, 2006. Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1) for a one-month extension of time. The fee for a one-month extension of time for a small entity is sixty dollars (\$60.00) and a check for that amount is enclosed. With a one-month extension of time, a response to the October 12, 2005 Office Action is due February 12, 2006. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification appear on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.